**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council Meeting**

**September 15, 2025**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Mayor Wilson offered a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Tye Howard, a former Mayor of the City of Forsyth.

**Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and Roll Call**

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was led by Mr. Matthew Bishop. In attendance for the meeting was Mayor Eric Wilson, Councilmembers Josh Hill, Chris Hewett, Lois Allen, Greg Goolsby, Charles Wilder, and Mike Dodd. Also in attendance was City Manager, Craig Mims; Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie; City Attorney, Brian Causey; and City Clerk, Shayla Furlow. Six members of the council were in attendance for the meeting; therefore, all unanimous votes will be six votes (Hill, Hewett, Allen, Goolsby, Wilder and Dodd).

**Approval of the agenda.**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from the work session and council meeting held on September 2, 2025 and the follow-up retreat on September 10, 2025.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutesfrom the work session and council meeting held on September 2, 2025 and the follow-up retreat on September 10, 2025. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of a street closure request on October 11, 2025 for a Breast Cancer Motorcade by Psi Rho Zeta- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the street closure request on October 11, 2025 for a Breast Cancer Motorcade by Psi Rho Zeta- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Alpa Panchal- Luxe Homes**

Ms. Alpa Panchal and Mr. Faizal Supariwala of McDonough, Georgia stated that they represented Luxe Homes. Mr. Supariwala apologized to the council for not attending the last meeting. He stated that they purchased the project LDP completed. Before building they met with the city several times. He stated that they didn't do anything in this project without knowledge of the city. They did things that were not part of their project that the city requested. They installed water line going towards Hunters Lane for future development and a sewer trunk line on their property with two manholes in case the city where to ever need to tap in for future development. He stated that inside of the units are very nice, upscale, and affordable. The problem came in when they were finishing up the landscaping and had water rushing down onto their property. They met with the city to see if they had a plan and they were told they had no plans. He stated that they came up with the idea to put a curb in to redirect the water properly. Mr. Supariwala stated that the sidewalk is challenging due to topography. He proposed that he place a sidewalk from the front entrance of building 100 to building 300 and the remainder of the funds from the sidewalk project be given to the city to put in escrow or to use on other projects.

Mr. Hill questioned if water meters needed to be removed for the sidewalk.

Ms. Alpa Panchal stated that some might be in the way depending on how they place the sidewalk.

Mr. Hill questioned Mr. Batchelor if that would be an issue if some of the meters needed to be removed.

Mr. Mike Batchelor, the utilities director, stated that they would have to change the meter boxes out to heavy duty meter boxes and position them correctly inside the sidewalk.

After a brief discussion Mr. Wilder offered a motion to accept offer to build a sidewalk from building 100 to building 300 and to pledge $4000.00 to the city for sidewalks or stormwater issues. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a request for the Monroe County Reporter to use the Council Chambers on September 29, 2025 for a council debate.**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the request for the Monroe County Reporter to use the Council Chambers on September 29, 2025 for a council debate. Seconded by Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a request for Hubbard Elementary and K.B. Sutton Elementary to use the Splash Pad and the allowance of inflatables.**

Mr. Brian Causey, the City Attorney, stated that he suggests the city do an intergovernmental agreement with the school board and require waivers from the parents of students attending. He stated that since inflatables are generally not allowed the council needs to decide to follow the rule or to change the rule.

Mr. Goolsby questioned if liability can be input into the intergovernmental agreement with the school board.

Mr. Causey stated that it would be the basis of the agreement.

Mr. Hill stated that it makes sense to amend the rule for the school to be able to use inflatables, but it doesn’t make sense to amend the rule for a mom with twenty-two kids having a birthday party. Because the school is covering the indemnity. He suggested that a certain insurance amount be put into the intergovernmental agreement to prevent some from wanting to use inflatables.

After a brief discussion Mr. Wilder offered a motion to table the considerationof the request for Hubbard Elementary and K.B. Sutton Elementary to use the Splash Pad and the allowance of inflatables for two meetings (November 3, 2025). Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Second reading of an Ordinance for the partial lot rezoning of Parcel 053 001B.**

Mr. Brian Causey, the City Attorney, stated that an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Forsyth, Georgia to alter and amend the Zoning District of the City of Forsyth to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Forsyth to provide an effective date for other purposes related thereto. This relates to tax parcel 053 001B. He stated that this is a matter that the council has already considered. This is housekeeping to get the second reading done. The council set a list of conditions which are included in the ordinance.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to ratify what had already been done regarding the partial lot rezoning of parcel 053 001B. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Requisitions Greater than $6,000**

* **Georgia Kenworth, LLC- $7,455.24**
* **GoForth Williamson, Inc- $13,635.00**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the requisitions greater than $6000 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager’s Report**

Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager, had no business to report.

**City Attorney Report**

Mr. Brian Causey, the City Attorney, had no business to report.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson stated that for a point of notice Mr. Howards visitation will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at the Monroe Memorial Chapel. The funeral will be Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 11:00a.m. at the city cemetery.

**Additional Business**

Mr. Hill stated that the scarecrow showcase signup ends Friday, September 19, 2025 and voting starts on September 27, 2025. He reminded everyone of the Fall Festival and Community Yard Sale on September 27, 2025 from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and the next concert on October 4, 2025 at 7:30p.m. with the Ray Howard Band.

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Executive Session (if necessary)**

No executive session needed.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41p.m. Seconded Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.